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New York State Veteran's Benefits

The state of New York provides several veteran benefits listed below each month we will preview a particular area:

Education Benefits

- **Veterans Tuition Awards**

- Veterans Tuition Awards (VTA) are awards for full-time study and part-time study for eligible veterans matriculated at an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting institution or in an approved vocational training program in New York State.

- **NOTE: Students previously approved for this award must apply for payment each year. Those students attending a vocational school or who are attending an approved undergraduate or graduate program part-time may apply for payment for the current academic year by completing the supplement.**

- **New York State Regents Awards (for Children)** Regents Awards for Children of Deceased & Disabled Veterans provide up to \$450 per year to students whose parent(s) served in the US Armed Forces during specified times of national emergency.
- **Military Service Recognition Scholarship** Available to certain dependents of military personnel killed, severely and permanently disabled or missing in combat or a combat zone of operation since August 2, 1990.
- **Operation Recognition - High School Diplomas** Operation Recognition allows certain veterans to earn high school diplomas if they left school without graduating.

How to Establish Eligibility Complete the New York State Veterans Tuition Award Supplement or contact HESC. Be sure to print the Web Supplement Confirmation, sign and return it along with the required documentation according to the instructions. Questions regarding eligible service or how to document service should be directed to the HESC Scholarship Unit at 1-888-697-4372.

Upcoming topics:

- Other State Veteran Benefits

Sign up with your town's Assessor for the Veterans Tax Exemption by March 1st, 2012

15% - Wartime/non-combat (to include Cold War Vets between 9/2/1945-12/26/1991)

An additional 10% - Combat Vets

Another additional % = 1/2 of your VA disability (maximum 50%)
